

Appl. No. 10/713,140  
Amdt. dated December 6, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of June 7, 2005

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 33-35 and 39-40 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance. Applicant cancels claims 28-32 and 38 without prejudice.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action dated June 7, 2005 that claims 33-35 and 39-40 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Applicant, by this paper, amends claims 33-35 and 39-40 to incorporate the language from the base claims and any intervening claim. Applicant has also included minor amendments to the language of claims 32-35. The minor amendments are not believed to alter the scope of the claims. Therefore, Applicant believes the claims are allowable and requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,



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